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Responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 7) dated June 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in this application. Claims 32-34 and 40 are allowed. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in regard to claims 4, 6, 10-11, 14, 17, 26-27, 29, 31 and 46.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 18-19, 22-25, 28, 30, 35-39 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (U.S. Patent Re. 35,104) in view of Engelbrecht et al. (U.S. Patent 5,912,917). Claims 12-13 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami, et al. (U.S.